

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**UNIVERSAL CHAP-STYLE COMPRESSION STOCKING,**

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

OR

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
				Yes	No

The undersigned hereby grant(s) an authorized representative of Assignee the power to insert in this Assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this Assignment.

2/12/04  
Date

Mary Ann Hettich  
**Mary Ann Hettich**

STATE OF North Carolina  
COUNTY OF Burke

I, Barbara J. Huffman, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Mary Ann Hettich personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.



Barbara J. Huffman  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 01/28/07

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